

Please amend claim 3 to read:

a2 3. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 2 wherein the periodic wave pattern of at least one of said first and second elastic members is generally sinusoidal.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice to the patentability thereof.

Please amend claim 5 to read:

a3 5. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are coextensive along the securement path.

Please amend claim 6 to read:

a4 6. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally parallel, spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the securement path.

Please amend claim 7 to read:

a5 7. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members are secured to the substrate in generally transversely spaced relationship with each other along at least a portion of the securement path, the

5^{as} transverse spacing between said first and second elastic members
ant varying along said portion of the securement path.

Please amend claim 8 to read:

a6 8. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein said first and second elastic members cross each other at least once within the securement path.

Please amend claim 9 to read:

a7 9. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the same as the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

Please amend claim 10 to read:

a8 10. (amended) An elastic composite as set forth in claim 43 wherein the periodic wave pattern of the second elastic member is substantially the negative of the periodic wave pattern of the first elastic member.

Please add the following new claim:

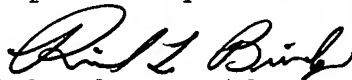
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99st 43. (new) An elastic composite comprising a substrate and first and second elastic members secured to the substrate along a securement path extending longitudinally along the substrate, said first elastic member being secured to the substrate so that

5 the position of said first elastic member on the substrate varies
transversely within said securement path in a first generally
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cont.* periodic wave pattern having at least one period within said
securement path, said second elastic member being secured to said
substrate so that the position of said second elastic member
10 varies transversely within said securement path in a second
generally periodic wave pattern having at least one period within
said securement path, said first and second generally periodic
wave patterns being shaped such that the elastic composite is
more stretchable in the direction of the securement path than in
15 the direction transverse to the securement path.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5-10, are amended. Claims 1 and 4 are
cancelled. Claim 43 is added. Claims 2-3 and 5-43 are now
pending in this application. Attached hereto is a marked-up
version of the changes to be made to the application by this
amendment and is entitled "Version With Markings To Show Changes
Made."

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